



Leverage from
the EU
2014–2020



Interreg
Europe
European Union | European Regional Development Fund

LAPIN AMK
Lapland University of Applied Sciences



“S3P-Industry and Interreg Europe working for Industrial modernisation”

11 April 2018 – Lapland, Finland

The objective of this joint meeting is to explore for the first time possible synergies between Interreg Europe projects with the interregional partnerships working under the S3 Platform for Industrial Modernisation. The event will allow all participants become aware of the work undertaken on both sides, exchange views and mutually benefit from results obtained in different topics such as on how better implementing smart specialisation strategies, reinforcing interregional and cluster cooperation, and promoting regional and interregional investments. This will open new ways for cooperation between regions and their stakeholders that could further pursued in different thematic areas and contexts.

Agenda

9:30 Registration

10:00 **Welcome** by Markus Lohi, Chair of the board, Regional Council of Lapland

10:15 **Setting the scene: Five arguments in favor of synergies**

Speaker: Åge Mariussen, Research Manager, University of Vaasa

10:30 **Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation**

Rationale and state of play

Speaker: Nikos Pantalos (European Commission, DG Grow)

10:50 **Interreg Europe**

Rationale and state of play

Speaker: Erwin Siweris (Programme Director, Interreg Europe)

11:15 *Coffee break*

11:45 **Roundtable: Why interregional collaboration is important for industrial modernisation in the European Union?**

Moderator: Fatime Barbara Hegyi (European Commission, Joint Research Centre)

Taking stock of the beneficiary perspective, testimony of **few regions** involved in both Interreg Europe and the Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation

- Jouni Ponnikas from Kainuu region (Finland): Interreg Europe project “Bridges” and S3P in “Sport”.

- Adina Elena Simionescu from North-East region (Romania): Interreg Europe project “Clusterix 2.0” and S3P in “Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation”.
- Tim Daniels and Wim De Kinderen from South Netherland (The Netherlands): Interreg Europe project “Helium” and S3P in “High Performance Production through 3D-Printing”.
- Aitor Mintegui from Basque Country (Spain): Interreg Europe project “S34Growth” and S3P in “Advanced manufacturing for energy applications”.

12:45 *Networking lunch*

14:00 **How organise and support the interregional cooperation for industrial modernisation in European Union? Ideas for implementing a win-win cooperation in the future**

Speaker: Marc Pattinson (Policy Learning Platform expert - Research and innovation)

14:15 **Two Break-out sessions** organised to discuss examples, ideas and actions for developing and exploiting synergies in the future. The objective is to allow project partners to explore and exchange experiences on project activities, share ideas on potential cooperation and identify the type of follow-up and support services that will be needed.

The two proposed groups are:

- **Group One: Health, Tourism, Chemical, Sports (sectors)** run by Marc Pattison (PLP expert)
 - Interreg Europe projects: Tittan, Helium, Ithaca, RESET, S3Chem, Remix and Inno4Sports.
 - S3P-IM: Smart Regional Investments in Textile Innovation, Advanced manufacturing for energy applications, Digitalisation & Safety for Tourism, Sport and Medical Technology.
- **Group Two: Advanced manufacturing, photonics, nanomaterials and bio-economy (KETs)** run by Carl Arvid Dahlöf (PLP expert)
 - Interreg Europe projects: NMP-REG, Stephanie, SmartPilots, Inno Infra Share, Inkrease, ClusterFY, Clusterix2.0, Bridges, S34Growth and Inno provement.
 - S3P-IM: Photonics, High Performance Production through 3D-Printing, SMEs to the Industry 4.0 and New Nano-Enabled Products.

15:30 *Coffee break*

16:00 **Wrap-up session** - Carsten Schierenbeck (European Commission, DG Grow) and Marc Pattinson (PLP expert) will summarise the discussion from the break-out sessions.

16:30 **What we learned?** – Next steps by Nikos Pantalos and Erwin Siweris.

17:00 *Networking cocktail - “Taste of Lapland” offered by the REMIX project.*